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RESPONSE

In response to the Restriction/Election Requirement mailed October 2, 2002, having a one-month period of response ending November 2, 2002, Applicants wish to amend their application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please insert the following new claims:

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47. (New) The concealed sprinkler head according to Claim 1, wherein said body member includes at least one undulation formed therein, said at least one undulation forming said at least one passageway section.
48. (New) The concealed sprinkler head according to Claim 47, wherein said at least one undulation comprises a plurality of undulations placed in spaced relation.
49. (New) The concealed sprinkler head according to Claim 48, wherein said plurality of undulations are formed in a radial pattern.

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ELECTION

Applicants provisionally elect Group I, namely Claims 1-22 and 29-46. In addition, Applicants elect the species depicted in Figures 9-10. Furthermore, Applicants provisionally elect the housing species depicted in Figures 13-14.

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above identified application.

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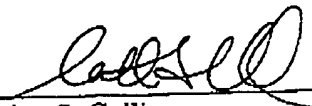
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